CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1. A sleeve for covering a ladder rung, the sleeve comprising:
- a first end;
- a second end opposite the first end; and
- a first surface that defines an opening extending from the first end to the second end, wherein the first surface is adapted to contact the ladder rung.
- 2. The sleeve of claim 1, wherein the sleeve is a cylindrical sleeve having a predetermined length and a predetermined diameter.
 - 3. The sleeve of claim 1, wherein a cross-section of the opening is circular.
 - 4. The sleeve of claim 1, wherein the first surface is an inner surface.
- 5. The sleeve of claim 4, further comprising a second surface concentric with the first surface.
 - 6. The sleeve of claim 5, wherein the second surface is an outer surface.
- 7. The sleeve of claim 1, wherein the sleeve includes one of solid rubber and cellular rubber.

		8.	The sleeve of claim 1, wherein the first surface includes a plurality of grooves.
		9.	The sleeve of claim 7, wherein the cellular rubber includes closed cell rubber.
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		10.	The sleeve of claim 7, wherein the cellular rubber includes open cell rubber.
	· .	11.	The sleeve of claim 10, wherein the open cell rubber includes foam.
		12.	The sleeve of claim 1, further comprising a slit that extends from the first surface
	to a se	econd su	urface of the sleeve.
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	•	13.	The sleeve of claim 12, wherein the slit extends from the first end of the sleeve to
	the se	cond en	nd of the sleeve.
	X	14.	The sleeve of claim 1, further comprising a fabric layer connected to a second
	surfac	e of the	sleeve.
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		15.	The sleeve of claim 14, wherein the fabric layer is waterproof.
		16.	The sleeve of claim 14, further comprising a fastener connected to the fabric
	layer.		

- 17. A ladder, comprising:
- a first side rail;
- a second side rail opposite the first side rail;
- a rung connected to the first and second side rails; and
- a sleeve that covers the rung.
- 18. The ladder of claim 17, wherein the sleeve is removable.
- 19. The ladder of claim 17, wherein the sleeve includes a grooved surface in contact with the rung.
 - 20. A ladder, comprising:
 - a first side rail;
 - a second side rail opposite the first side rail;
 - a rung connected to the first and second side rails; and

means for covering the rung.